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Regional shooting match held at Camp Guernsey

CAMP GUERNSEY, Wyo.—The second largest shooting competition for the National Guard in the country, the Excellence in Competition was held at Camp Guernsey Sept. 24-25.

The camp hosted approximately 92 competitors from 54 different units in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

The 118-year-old competition involved personnel from the Air and Army National Guard units competing to be the best distinguished marksman/woman through accuracy and proficiency in different courses of fire for pistols and rifles.

The top 10 percent of the competitors advance to the national competition, normally held in October at the Wilson Matches in Arkansas. That match has been postponed due to the hurricane relief effort in Louisiana.

Top finishers for the weekend were:

321 Excellence-In-Competition Rifle Match

Staff Sgt. Gary Varberg, B Company 141st Engineering Combat Battalion, North Dakota Army National Guard, score of 284-19.

Combat Rifle Individual Grand Aggregate Open

Staff Sgt. Gary Varberg, B Company 141st Engineering Combat Battalion, North Dakota Army National Guard, composite score of 837-49.

Combat Rifle Individual Grand Aggregate Novice

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Hill, Joint Force Headquarters Rear Operations Center, Wyoming Army National Guard, composite score of 698-32.

Combat Rifle Team Grand Aggregate

Arizona Army and Air National Guard, score of 2,904-128. Members of the team were Master Sgt. Chase Gibbons, Staff Sgt. Michael Bauerlein, Staff Sgt. Scott Ericson, and Staff Sgt. Robert Pirisky.

305 Individual Combat Rifle Match Open

Staff Sgt. Gary Varberg, B Company 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, North Dakota Army National Guard, B Company 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, score of 152-11.

305 Individual Combat Rifle Match Novice

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Leon, 1666th Maintenance Company, Arizona Army National Guard, score of 145-16.

302 Individual Combat Rifle Match Open

Staff Sgt. Thomas Doudna, A 1/163rd Infantry, Montana Army National Guard, score of 139-12.

302 Individual Combat Rifle Match Novice

Spc. Tyrel Hoppe, B Company 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, North Dakota Army National Guard, score of 121-6.

231A Individual Combat Rifle Match Open

Staff Sgt. Robert Pirisky, Western Army Aviation Site, Arizona Army National Guard, score of 277-14.

231A Individual Combat Rifle Match Novice

Staff Sgt. Scott Ross, Joint Force Headquarters, Arizona Army National Guard, score of 231-10.

Combat Pistol Team Grand Aggregate

South Dakota Army National Guard, composite score of 1873. The team was made up of Spc. Drew Garry, Staff Sgt. Michael Witte, Chief Warrant Officer Leon Ewert, and Staff Sgt. Thomas Martin.

Combat Pistol Individual Grand Aggregate Open

Staff Sgt. Michael Witte, 114th Fighter Wing, South Dakota Air National Guard, composite score of 530.

Combat Pistol Individual Grand Aggregate Novice

2nd Lt. Robert Thorlin, 1/158th Infantry, Arizona Army National Guard, score of 446.

221 Excellence-in-Competition Pistol Match

Sgt. 1st Class Roger Nelson, B Company 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, North Dakota Army National Guard, score of 259.

202R Individual Combat Pistol Match Open

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Coad, 1/112th Aviation, North Dakota Army National Guard, score of 207.

202R Individual Combat Pistol Match Novice

Tech. Sgt. Brennon Blain, Colorado Air National Guard, score of 184.

201R Individual Combat Pistol Match Open

Sgt. 1st Class Donald Strom, Joint Force Headquarters, Montana Army National Guard, score of 195.

201R Individual Combat Pistol Match Novice

2nd Lt. Robert Thorlin, 1/158th Infantry, Arizona Army National Guard, score of 155.